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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of an Import Limit for Certain Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

July 5, 1995.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 6, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6703. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated March 8, 1995 the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China agreed to increase the 1995 specific limit for Category 870.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the current limit for Category 870. The amended limit includes a previous adjustment for carryforward used in 1994.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the

CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 59 FR 65531, published on December 20, 1994). Also see 59 FR 65760, published on December 21, 1994.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the MOU, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

Rita D. Hayes,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 16, 1994, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1995 and extends through December 31, 1995.

Effective on July 6, 1995, you are directed to amend further the directive dated December 16, 1994 to increase the limit for Category 870 to 31,165,556 kilograms¹ as provided under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding dated March 8, 1995 between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Rita D. Hayes,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1994.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Opportunity for Collaboration

Background

In the February 8, 1995 issue of *The Commerce Business Daily* (CBD) Export Promotion Services (EPS) of the U.S. & Foreign Commerce Service (US&FCS) published a Request for Information (RFI) to determine the interest of private sector organizations in producing and distributing *Commercial News USA* (CNUSA), its export catalog-magazine, published ten times annually by ITA.

Based on responses to the RFI and a review of overall requirements, EPS now envisions a collaborative arrangement rather than one based upon a procurement.

This notice is herewith posted as a Request for Expressions of Interest:

The U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA) is seeking a private sector partner to collaborate with it to produce and distribute *Commercial News USA* (CNUSA), its international export catalog-magazine.

Aimed at assisting the export marketing efforts of small- to medium-size firms, *Commercial News USA* (CNUSA) is currently printed in the United States by a contractor for exclusive overseas distribution by U.S. embassies and consulates in 161 countries. Published ten times annually, it has a current circulation of 137,000, augmented by 37 electronic bulletin boards (EBBs) with more than 2 million subscribers.

Typically, an issue carries 130 to 160 listings (advertisements) of U.S. products and services, the majority of which consist of text with a product photograph. The publication is printed in 2 colors (black and one additional color) on white coated stock, with page counts ranging between 32 to 44 pages, including covers. Trim size is 17 inches by 22 inches, saddle-wire stitched in two places and folded to 8½ × 11.

Each edition consists of four or more product and service sections, including three Industry Highlight Sections, focusing on products and services in specific industries, and an all-inclusive "USA Marketplace". In addition, a Table of Contents, Index, and "Quick Response Fax" page are included. State and regional sections, as well as